

**GREENHOUSE GAS / GLOBAL WARMING RISK ASSESSMENT  
EDGEMOOR FACILITY DEMOLITION PROJECT  
SANTEE, CA**

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## INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

### Existing Site Characterization

The project site covers approximately 21 acres and is located in San Diego County within the City of Santee as can be seen in Figure 1 on the following page. The County-owned site is approximately five miles northeast of Lake Murray, south of the San Diego River, and northwest of the corner of the intersection of N. Magnolia Avenue and Park Avenue within the City of Santee's Town Center Specific Plan area.

Regional access is provided to the site by State Route 67 (SR-67), a north/south freeway that runs between Interstate 8 (I-8) and the community of Ramona, and SR-125, a north/south freeway that runs between I-8 and SR-52. Local access is provided along N. Magnolia Avenue as can be seen in Figure 2 on Page 3 of this report. The project site is north of Mission Gorge Road, and is bounded to the west by Cottonwood Avenue, to the north by Chubb Lane, to the east by N. Magnolia Avenue, and to the south by Park Avenue.

### Project Description

The Edgemoor Facility Demolition project proposes the demolition and removal of 26 buildings within the City of Santee. The proposed limits of demolition are shown in Figure 3 on Page 4 of this report and are anticipated to last a maximum of 180 days. The 26 buildings are currently associated with the Edgemoor Geriatric Hospital, which is owned and operated by the County of San Diego. Since their construction (ranging from 1913 to 1961), most of the buildings have been in continual use. Seven of the buildings have been vacant since the early 1980s. Two of the buildings are used by the Santee Food Bank and the Salvation Army on an interim basis unrelated to the hospital operation. Building 10, the Polo Barn, will be retained on site and will not be demolished.

In 2004, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors concluded that the buildings comprising the Edgemoor Geriatric Hospital were obsolete and deteriorating and that it would be more cost effective to build a new hospital than to rehabilitate the old buildings. In addition, the Board of Supervisors adopted Policy F-38 that establishes future development policy of the project site with a goal of maximizing revenue generation to support the new Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility.

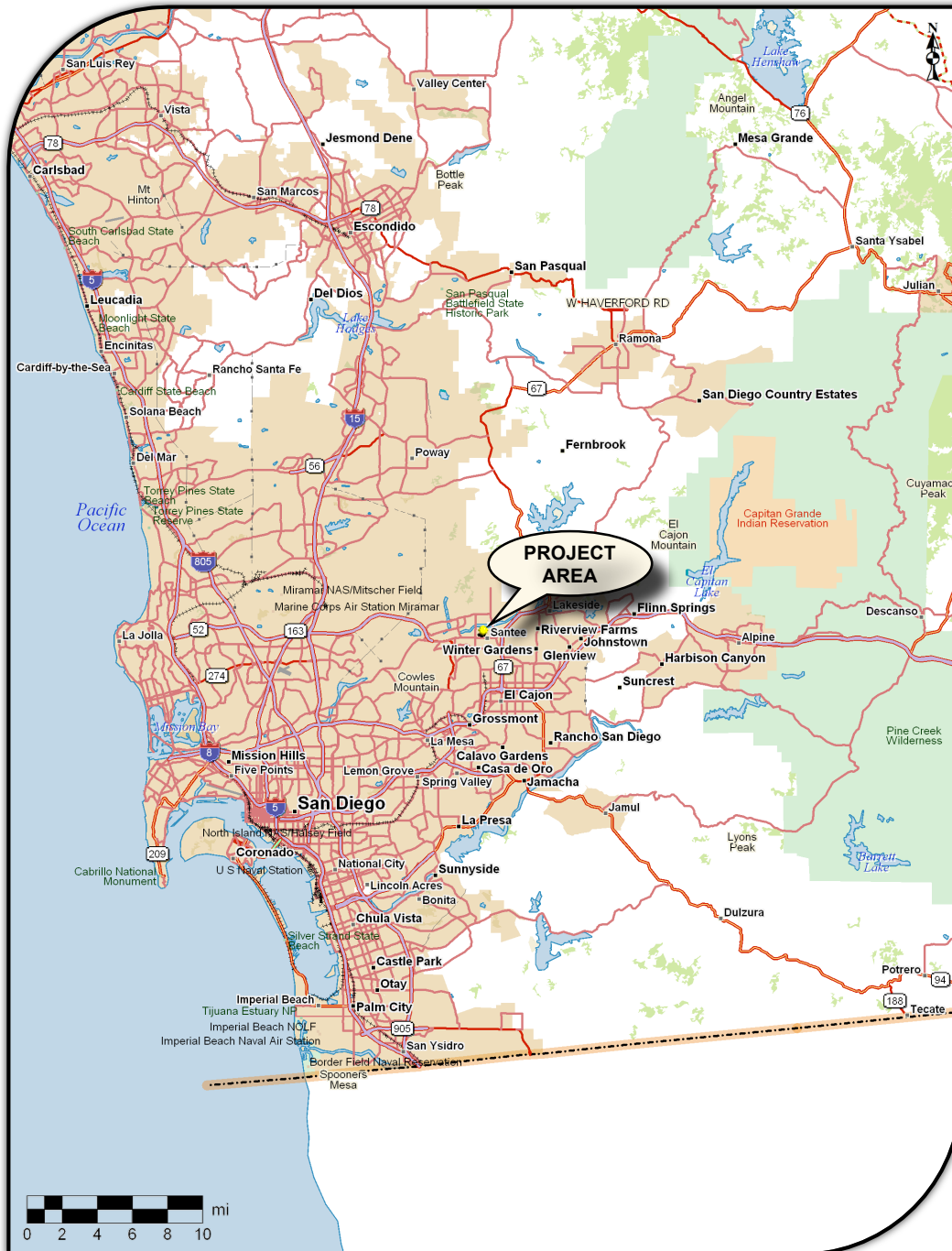


FIGURE 1: Project Vicinity Map w/ Topography (ISE 7/08)

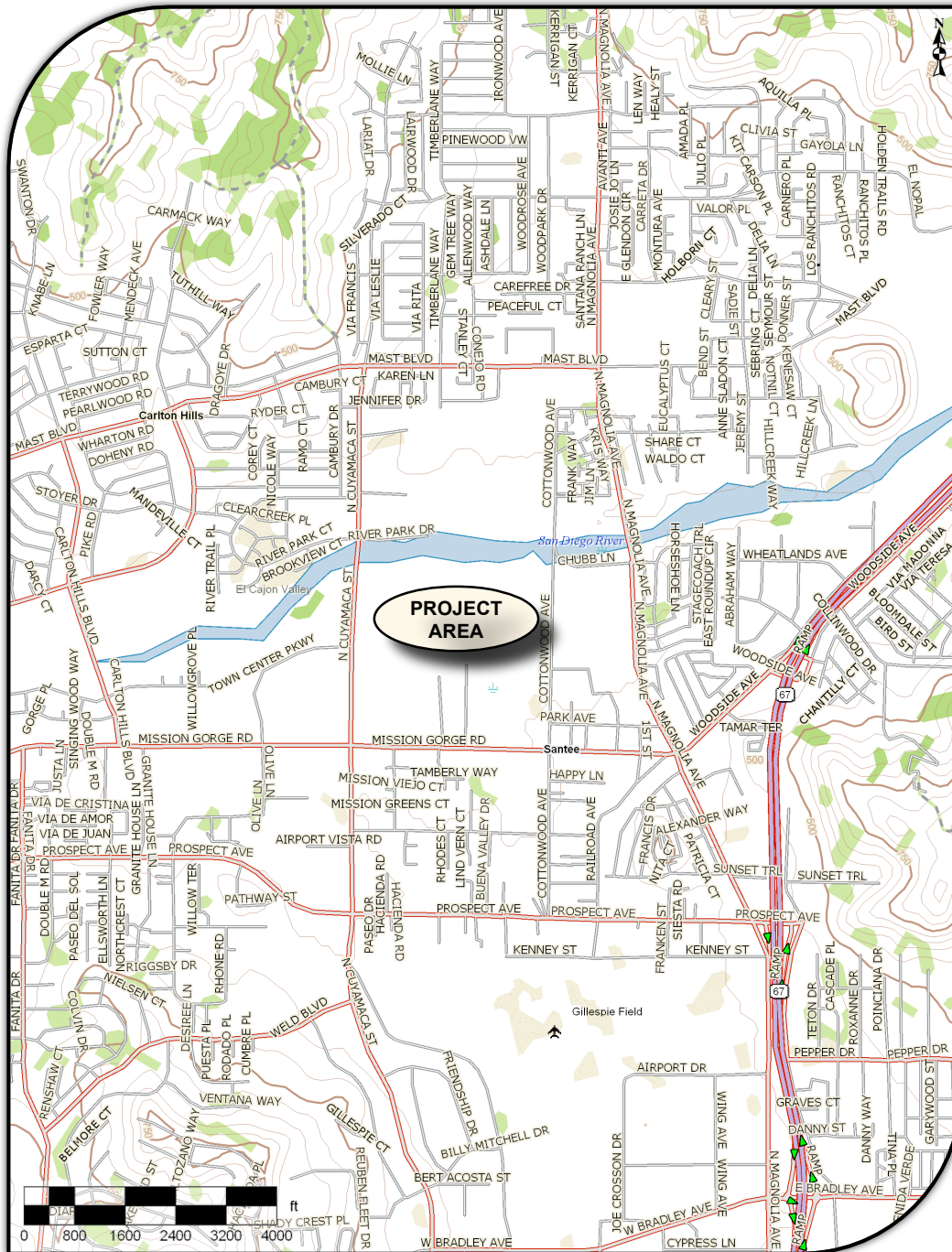


FIGURE 2: Project Site Location Map (ISE 7/08)



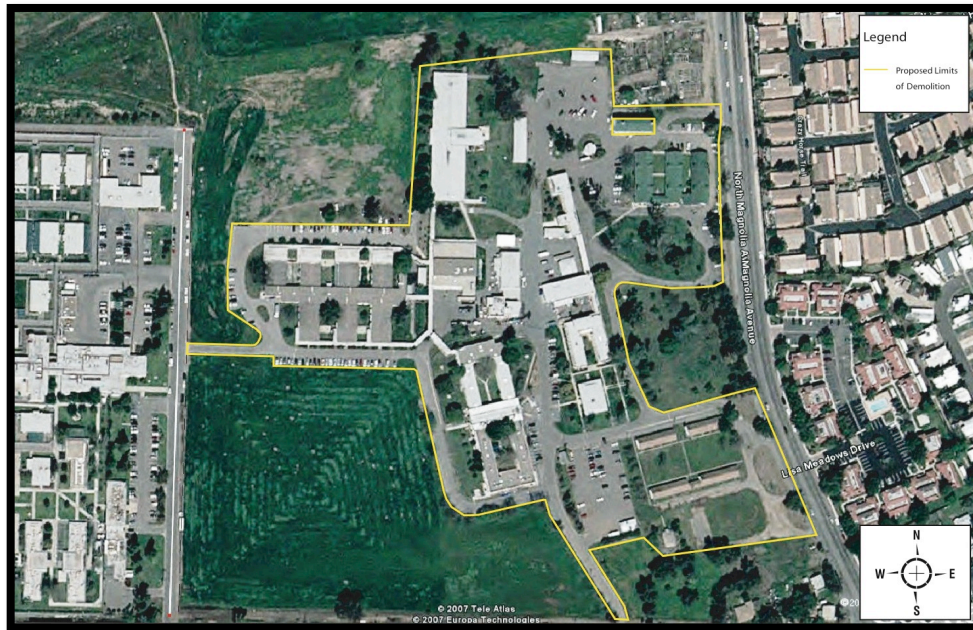


FIGURE 3: Proposed Limits of Edgemoor Site Demolition (HDR 7/07)

### Historical Context of Global Warming

Much recent conjecture has been postulated as to the effect of the *so-called*, 'Global Warming Phenomenon' or 'Greenhouse Effect' and its correlation to anthropogenic 'Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions'. The debate began based upon initial observations that global surface temperatures have been perceived to be steadily increasing over the past century (i.e., the period for which competent and reliable measurements have been taken).<sup>1</sup> Overall, the surface temperature reported by some, has seen an increase of roughly 0.6 degrees Centigrade, as can be seen in the first pane of Figure 4 on Page 5 of this report.<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In fact, the notion that manmade global warming was a possibility has existed since the early 1880's and been the subject of debate both within the realms of science-fact as well as science fiction.

<sup>2</sup> This increase in temperature, which is formally expressed by the United Nations as  $0.6 \pm 0.2$  degrees Centigrade, produced the majority of its increase before 1940 AD, which is the generally accepted date when anthropogenic atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels started any noticeable increase. The data presented in the first pane of Figure 4 provides information from surface temperature stations (red bars) as well as the annual average (the black trend line). The grey bars indicate the 95-percent confidence limits on the data. The black global temperature line (which is the basis of the whole global temperature increase argument) is only as good as the bounds of the grey tick-marks (which can have errors as large as, or larger than, the data point being represented).

<sup>3</sup> Source: IPCC, 2001, *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* [Houghton, J.T., Y. Ding, D.J. Griggs, M. Noguer, P.J. van der Linden, X. Dai, K. Maskell, and C.A. Johnson(eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA, pp. 388-389.

### Variations of the Earth's surface temperature for:

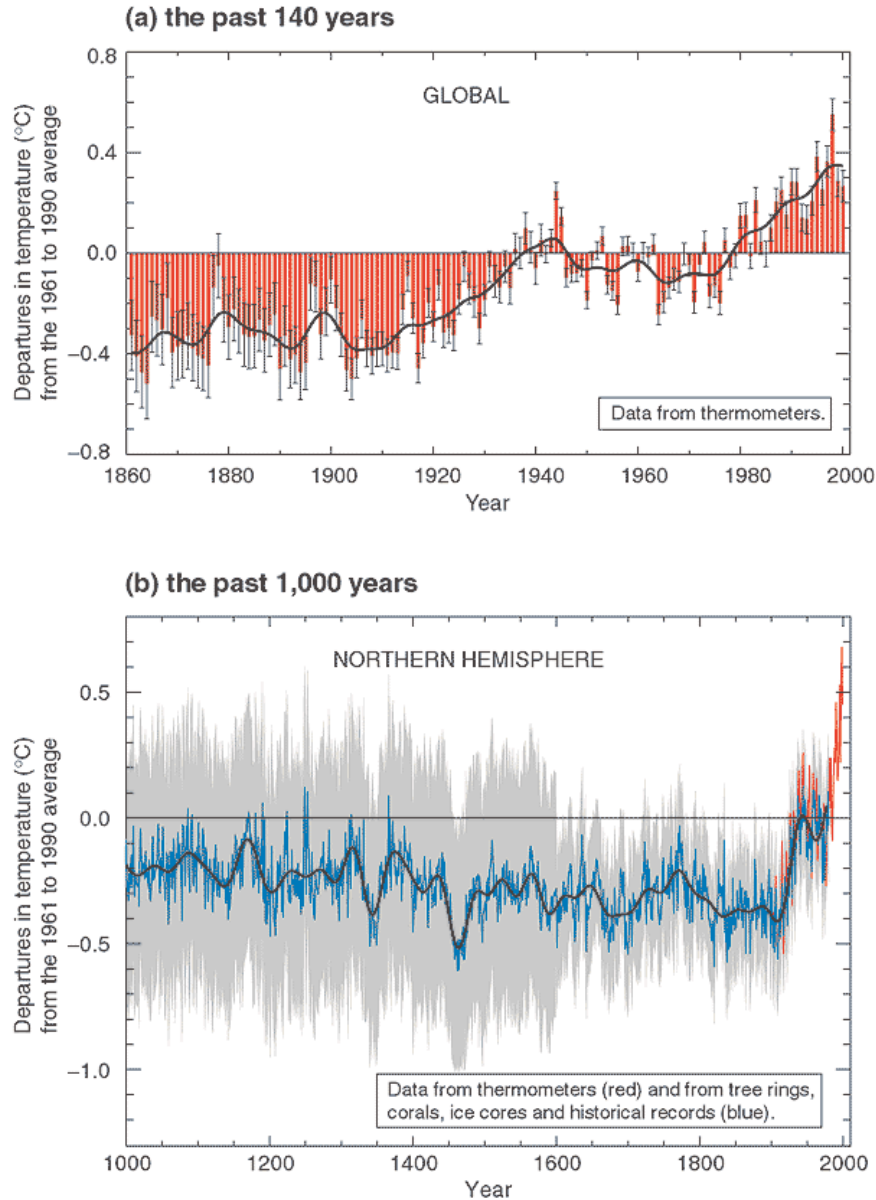


FIGURE 4: Measured/Predicted Temperature Global Temperature Variations (UN IPCC)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> From the *Third Assessment Report of Working Group I* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2001.

Further examination of ice core records and tree ring data allowed researchers to probe far back in time to look at surface temperature variations over the past millennia (refer to the second pane of Figure 4).<sup>5,6</sup> The results would seem to indicate a noticeable increase in surface temperature over the past 100 years, occurring in roughly 1910 AD, becoming cyclically maximal around 1940 AD, and having a period of recurrence of slightly over 30 years.<sup>7</sup>

This observation led then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher following the United Kingdom's (UK's) General Election of 1979 to adopt what was at the time believed to be a relatively arcane and obscure theory for her pro-nuclear power generation platform: namely, the notion that Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) was the primary constituent to atmospheric warming, and that fossil-fuel {coal} burning power plants should be replaced with cleaner sources.<sup>8</sup> At her insistence, the UK's *Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research* was formed to advance this theory. This center ultimately became the operating agency for the IPCC's scientific Working Group I.

### Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential

Greenhouse gases are defined as those naturally occurring and anthropogenic chemical compounds within the atmosphere that absorb and reflect infrared radiation emitted by the Earth's surface.<sup>9</sup> A numerical metric known as the, '*Global Warming Potential*' (GWP) is a measure of how much a given mass of greenhouse gas is estimated to contribute to global warming relative to Carbon Dioxide (whose GWP defined as 1.0).

Naturally occurring greenhouse gases include the aforementioned carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), water vapor, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), and ozone (O<sub>3</sub>). In addition, several classes of halogenated substances that contain fluorine, chlorine, or bromine also demonstrate a 'greenhouse' gas potential. Examples of these pollutants are

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<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> The second pane of temperature trends from the IPCC report shows the same red bars (known temperature station data from the past 100 years), as well as a blue curve (which is a reconstructed temperature curve based upon ice cores and the like), and also a black curve, which is the 50-year moving average line. As in the previous graph pane, the grey marks indicate the 95-percent confidence intervals of the data. The IPCC report is very careful in its wording with respect to the historical reconstruction (which would indicate that over the past 1,000 years the temperature has been hotter, or colder, or neither – namely, it is statistically meaningless). Incidentally, this is the infamous '*hockey-stick*' graph highly touted by Al Gore as conclusive proof of anthropogenic global warming – a graph from which the UN has been very much distancing itself over the past couple of years.

<sup>7</sup> Recent (2007) Microwave Sounding Unit (MSU) temperature measurements made from NOAA's polar-orbiting satellite platforms of the lower troposphere indicate a *cooling* of the planet despite an incremental increase in CO<sub>2</sub> levels. In fact, the same satellites have shown a steady *decrease* in temperature within the tropopause of 0.314 degrees Centigrade per decade since 1979, so that now the original UN's increase of 0.6 ± 0.2 degrees Centigrade has all but disappeared.

<sup>8</sup> This, in historical context, is based upon what many believe was Mrs. Thatcher's desire to limit the *National Union of Mineworkers* (NUM) political power, due to her Conservative Party's defeat in 1974 primarily because of the NUM.

<sup>9</sup> The basic mechanism can be summarized as follows: 1) solar radiation heats the planet primarily through ultraviolet and higher energy transmission, 2) the rock {Earth} gets warm and is offset by temperature levels in the oceans (which act as a global thermostat), 3) the warm rock emits black-body radiation in the lower infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, 4) most of the infrared radiation escapes the planet in accordance with the First Law of Thermodynamics, 5) a small portion of the energy is captured through molecular motion changes within the atmospheric greenhouse gases, and 6) this captured energy re-radiates back toward the rock (and space for that matter) producing a secondary heating effect. However, despite its name, this is not the same mechanism by which a greenhouse operates.

Halocarbons, perfluorocarbons (PFC's), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), etc. A complete listing of known greenhouse gasses is shown in Table 1 on the following page.

Examples of the more prevalent gases are detailed below:

- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>): CO<sub>2</sub> is naturally occurring gas and is part of the *carbon cycle* whereby carbon is cycled between the atmosphere, ocean, terrestrial life, and mineral reserves. The predominant source of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions is from the combustion of fossil fuels and hydrocarbons. Without CO<sub>2</sub>, all life on Earth would cease to exist. Carbon Dioxide is the reference gas against which all other greenhouse gases are compared. It has a Global Warming Potential (GWP) of 1.0 and makes up approximately 3.6 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Water Vapor (H<sub>2</sub>O): Water is a chemical compound that is essential to all known forms of life and has been denoted as '*the universal solvent*'. Water vapor is the gaseous form of water comprising roughly 0.001% of all water on the planet. Without H<sub>2</sub>O, all life on Earth would cease to exist. Although water vapor has the ability to capture roughly 10 times the infrared energy as CO<sub>2</sub>, its GWP was omitted from the IPCC's report.<sup>10</sup> Water vapor makes up approximately 95 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>): CH<sub>4</sub> is greenhouse gas with both natural and anthropogenic sources and is believed to be the primary atmospheric constituent during the early primordial Earth. Methane is naturally produced by the anaerobic decomposition of organic matter. Methane is also emitted during the production and distribution of natural gas and petroleum and is released as a by-product of incomplete {low-temperature} fossil fuel combustion. It is estimated that a little more than half of the current methane emissions to the atmosphere are from anthropogenic sources. Methane has a GWP of 23 and constitutes approximately 0.36 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O): Primarily, N<sub>2</sub>O is naturally produced by bacterial action within the soil and anthropogenically by high temperature combustion. The result is more-or-less the production of photochemical smog. Lesser sources such as manufacturing, wastewater treatment, and biomass burning also produce trace amounts of this substance. N<sub>2</sub>O has a GWP of 296, and constitutes approximately 0.95 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.
- Halocarbons (CFC's) / Perfluorocarbons (PFC's) are carbon compounds that contain fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Anthropogenic sources are the primary (if not sole) generator of these substances. These gases have GWP's ranging from slightly over 100 to as high as 22,000. These gases constitute a mere 0.072 percent of the global warming gases in the atmosphere today.

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<sup>10</sup> In fact, the IPCC scientific panel states that about half of the projected global temperature increase from CO<sub>2</sub> is due to what is referred to as the *water vapor feedback effect*. In order to quantify the level of feedback due to water vapor, one needs to know the radiative efficiency of H<sub>2</sub>O in vaporous form (i.e., the GWP). For some reason, nowhere in the IPCC report is this critical value presented.



**TABLE 1: Known Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential<sup>11</sup>**

Pollutant Name	Chemical Formula	GWP Relative to CO <sub>2</sub> (100 year horizon)
Carbon Dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	1
Dibromomethane	CH <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	1
R-1311 (Trifluoroiodomethane)	FIC-13I <sub>1</sub>	1
R-E170 (Dimethyl ether)	CH <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	1
Methyl Bromide	CH <sub>3</sub> Br	5
Dichloromethane	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10
R-161 (HFC-161, Fluoroethane)	HFC-161	12
R-40 (Methyl Chloride)	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	16
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	23
Chloroform	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	30
2,2,3,3,3-Pentafluoro-1-propanol	CF <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	40
R-152 (HFC-152, 1,1-Difluoroethane)	HFC-152	43
2,2,2-Trifluoro-ethanol	(CF <sub>3</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> OH	57
R-41 (HFC-41, Methyl fluoride)	HFC-41	97
R-123 (HCFC-123, Dichlorotrifluoroethane)	HCFC-123	120
R-152a (HFC-152a, 1,1-Difluoroethane)	HFC-152a	120
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	CH <sub>3</sub> CCl <sub>3</sub>	140
1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-Propanol	(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHOH	190
R-21 (Dichlorodifluoromethane)	HCFC-21	210
Nitrous Oxide	N <sub>2</sub> O	296
HFC-143, 1,1,2-Trifluoroethane	HFC-143	330
Methyl perfluoroisopropyl ether	(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CFOCH <sub>3</sub>	330
Bromodifluoromethane	CHBrF <sub>2</sub>	470
R-32 (HFC-32, Difluoromethane)	HFC-32	550
R-124 (HCFC-124, 2-Chloro-1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane)	HCFC-124	620
R-141b (HCFC-141b, 1,1-Dichloro-1-fluoroethane)	HCFC-141b	700
HFE-143a	HFE-143a	750
HFC-134, 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoroethane	HFC-134	1100
R-12B1 (Difluorochlorobromomethane, Halo 1211)	Halon-1211	1300
R-134a (HFC-134a, 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane)	HFC-134a	1300
R-22 (Chlorodifluoromethane)	HCFC-22	1700
Carbon Tetrachloride	CCl <sub>4</sub>	1800
R-142b (HCFC-142b, 1-Chloro-1,1-difluoroethane)	HCFC-142b	2400
R-125 (HFC-125, Fc-125, Pentafluoroethane)	HFC-125	3400
R-143a (HFC-143a, 1,1,1-Trifluoroethane)	HFC-143a	4300

<sup>11</sup> Source: *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis*. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC 2001.

TABLE 1 (cont.): Known Greenhouse Gases and Global Warming Potential<sup>12</sup>

Pollutant Name	Chemical Formula	GWP Relative to CO <sub>2</sub> (100 year horizon)
R-11 (Trichlorofluoromethane)	CFC-11	4600
R-14 (Carbon Tetrafluoride)	CF <sub>4</sub>	5700
R-113 (1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane)	CFC-113	6000
R-E134 (HFE-134, 1,1,1',1'-Tetrafluorodimethyl ether)	HFE-134	6100
R-13B1 (Trifluorobromomethane, Halo 1301)	CBrF <sub>3</sub>	6900
R-115 (Chloropentafluoroethane)	CFC-115	7200
C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>8</sub> (Perfluoropropane)	C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>8</sub>	8600
C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub> (Perfluoro-n-Butane)	C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub>	8600
C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>12</sub> (Perfluoropentane)	C <sub>5</sub> F <sub>12</sub>	8900
C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>14</sub> (Perfluorohexane)	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>14</sub>	9000
R-114 (Freon 114, 1,2-Dichlorotetrafluoroethane)	CFC-114	9800
R-C318 (Freon 318, Octafluorocyclobutane)	C-C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>8</sub>	10000
R-12 (Freon 12, Dichlorodifluoromethane)	CFC-12	10600
Nitrogen Trifluoride; Trifluoramine	NF <sub>3</sub>	10800
R-116 (Perfluoroethane; Hexafluoroethane)	C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	11900
R-23 (HFC-23, Trifluoromethane)	HFC-23	12000
R-13 (Chlorotrifluoromethane)	CFC-13	14000
R-E125 (HFE-125, Pentafluorodimethyl ether)	HFE-125	14900
Sulfur Hexafluoride	SF <sub>6</sub>	22200



## THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

### California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Thresholds

Section 15382 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines defines a significant impact as,

*“... a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.”*

Although Global Warming and the associated greenhouse gas effects are not explicitly defined under CEQA and yet to have any defined set of significance standards, the Section above is sufficiently broad enough in definition to allow its discussion within the air quality topic of CEQA.

<sup>12</sup> Source: *Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis*. Contribution of Working Group I to the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC 2001.

## The California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32)

Operating under the assumption that Global Warming is a real phenomenon and that atmospheric carbon is the single largest contributor to the phenomenon, the California State Legislature passed the *California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006* (Assembly Bill 32, or AB 32) which requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop regulations and market mechanisms that will ultimately reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020. Mandatory caps will begin in 2012 for significant sources and ratchet down to meet the 2020 goals. Specifically, AB 32 requires CARB to:

- 1) Establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions cap for 2020, based on 1990 emissions by January 1, 2008.
- 2) Adopt mandatory reporting rules for significant sources of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2009.
- 3) Adopt a plan by January 1, 2009 indicating how emission reductions will be achieved from significant greenhouse gas sources via regulations, market mechanisms and other actions.
- 4) Adopt regulations by January 1, 2011 to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas, including provisions for using both market mechanisms and alternative compliance mechanisms.
- 5) Convene an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and an Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee to advise CARB.
- 6) Ensure public notice and opportunity for comment for all CARB actions.
- 7) Prior to imposing any mandates or authorizing market mechanisms, CARB must evaluate several factors, including but not limited to, impacts on California's economy, the environment and public health; equity between regulated entities; electricity reliability; conformance with other environmental laws; and that the rules do not disproportionately impact low-income communities.

For the purposes of analysis within this report and applicability to the proposed project as a whole, it will be sought to obtain a 25-percent net reduction goal of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the project to remain consistent with the intent of AB 32.



## ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

### Greenhouse Gas Compilation Approach

#### Diesel Powered (Compression Ignition) Equipment Contribution

Greenhouse gas emissions associated with diesel engine combustion from onsite demolition equipment will be assumed to occur for engines running at the correct fuel to air ratios.<sup>13</sup> Of principal interest are the emission factors for CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>.<sup>14</sup> For a

<sup>13</sup> The ratio whereby complete combustion of the diesel fuel occurs.

<sup>14</sup> It will be assumed that the project would generate trace-, if not negligible-, levels of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), fluorine (F<sub>2</sub>), chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>), bromine (Br<sub>2</sub>) and/or constituent compounds. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are stoichiometrically composed of roughly 30-percent nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) by volume and 70-percent nitric oxide (NO), which is the free radical form that immediately combines with ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) to form nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) more commonly known as *smog*.

four-stroke diesel-cycle engine, the combustion byproducts are approximately 1.5-percent-by-volume O<sub>2</sub>, 0.5-percent-by-volume CO, and 13.5-percent-by-volume CO<sub>2</sub>.<sup>15</sup> Thus, the ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> to CO production in a properly mixed diesel stroke would be 13.5/0.5 or 27:1.

#### Operational Motor Vehicle (Spark Ignition) Contribution

Greenhouse gas emissions associated with motor vehicle trips for the proposed demolition project were calculated by multiplying the appropriate emission factor (in grams per mile) times the estimated trip length and the total number of vehicles (which for this project would consist of the requisite number of trips required to haul the demolition debris to the closest landfill and the associated worker trips to and from the site each day). Appropriate conversion factors were then applied to provide aggregate emission units of pounds per day.

CARB estimates on-road motor vehicle emissions by using a series of models called the *Motor Vehicle Emission Inventory* (MVEI) Models. For the current analysis, the *EMFAC 2007 Model v2.3* of the MVEI<sup>16</sup> was run using input conditions specific to the San Diego air basin to predict vehicle emissions based upon the estimated year 2009 project completion date (i.e., the date whereby full completion of the demolition and debris removal is anticipated).

The aggregate greenhouse emission factors from the CARB *EMFAC 2007* model are provided as an attachment at the end of this report. Of principal interest are the emission factors for CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>.<sup>17</sup> A mix ratio consisting of 80-percent haul trucks and 20-percent worker vehicles was assumed for the purposes of analysis.

#### **Projected Greenhouse Gas Emissions Budget and Warming Effects Analysis**

Since the IPCC's *cause-and-effect* relationship between anthropogenic greenhouse gases and global warming is dubious<sup>18</sup>, the analysis presented herein will be to determine the net perceived greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed project development and examine the project's conformance under AB 32.

Further, to address the global warming aspect of the project implementation per AB 32, the proposed development will be modeled as a thermodynamically closed

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<sup>15</sup> Source: Holtz, J.C., Elliott, M.A., *The Significance of Diesel-Exhaust-Gas Analysis*, Transactions of the ASME, Vol. 63, February 1941.

<sup>16</sup> This is the most current CARB emissions model approved for use within the State of California.

<sup>17</sup> It will be assumed that the project would generate trace-, if not negligible-, levels of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), fluorine (F<sub>2</sub>), chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>), bromine (Br<sub>2</sub>) and/or constituent compounds. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are stoichiometrically composed of roughly 30-percent nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) by volume and 70-percent nitric oxide (NO), which is the free radical form that immediately combines with ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) to form nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) more commonly known as *smog*.

<sup>18</sup> We say this, as scientists, with the utmost candor, since many of the findings within the IPCC reports are based upon elaborate computer modeling using selective input assumptions and apparently ignoring pertinent fundamentals of climate theory. Moreover, many of the predictions by the IPCC have never been empirically validated. In fact, the UN's concept of a simple linear relationship between atmospheric carbon dioxide and global mean temperature has never been proven since the global mean temperature has both risen and fallen during periods where atmospheric carbon dioxide has been steadily increasing.

system, subject only to increasing CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (i.e., a type of *Urban Heat Island*<sup>19</sup> dependant only on CO<sub>2</sub>) to determine the net change in radiative forcing, and ultimately temperature. The analysis presented herein is consistent and in accordance with the *First Law of Thermodynamics*<sup>20</sup>.

## FINDINGS

### Greenhouse Gas Emission Tabulation

#### Diesel Powered (Compression Ignition) Equipment Contribution

The Edgemoor Facility Demolition Project would utilize a worst-case contingency of equipment consisting of two (2) CAT D8 bulldozers, two (2) loaders, and a water truck for dust control.<sup>21</sup> The pertinent equipment and their associated emissions are shown below in Table 2.

**TABLE 2: Construction Vehicle GHG Emission Levels – Edgemoor Facility Demolition project**

Equipment Classification	Quantity	Hours/Day	Emission Rates per Day (in pounds)			
			CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> = 27·CO	N <sub>2</sub> O = 0.3·NO <sub>x</sub>
Dozer - D8 Cat	2	6	21.6	55.2	583.2	16.6
Loader	2	6	12.2	17.8	329.4	5.3
Water Truck	1	6	3.6	12.6	97.2	3.8
SUM (Σ):			37.4	85.6	1009.8	25.7

Since N<sub>2</sub>O has a GWP of 296 with respect to CO<sub>2</sub>, this result can be expressed as an *equivalent* CO<sub>2</sub> level (sometimes denoted as CO<sub>2e</sub>) of 7,607.2 pounds. Thus the final equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> GHG load due to the project would be the summation of this value and the direct CO<sub>2</sub> production shown in Table 2 above, or 8,617.0 pounds CO<sub>2e</sub> per day while demolition activities commence.

Since demolition would occur for a period of 180 days, the net CO<sub>2e</sub> level due to onsite activities at the Edgemoor site would be 1,551,060 pounds.

<sup>19</sup> An Urban Heat Island (or UHI) is a developed area that is significantly warmer than its undeveloped surroundings. The temperature difference usually is larger at night than during the day, and larger in winter than in summer, due to the re-radiation of solar energy by paved surfaces and buildings, and waste heat generated by energy usage and building heating and cooling. Water vapor will be completely ignored from the analysis (as is done in the United Nations source document), although the reader is cautioned that this approach, as with the IPCC approach, provides a false indication of the warming effects of the remaining greenhouse gases.

<sup>20</sup> Simply expressed, the *First Law of Thermodynamics* states that for any thermodynamic system, the sum of the heat 'h' contained within the system (or that it receives) plus the work 'w' that the system is capable of (or receives) is equal to the total internal energy 'E' of the system. The first law of thermodynamics basically states that a thermodynamic system can store energy in two different forms (namely heat and/or work) and that this internal energy is conserved.

<sup>21</sup> Based upon anticipated worst-case equipment requirements to demolish a facility of the size shown in Figure 3 within a 180-day period.



### Operational Motor Vehicle (Spark Ignition) Contribution

Motor vehicles are a secondary source of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the proposed project. The proposed project site is expected to have a total trip generation level of approximately 1,900 trips based upon the cumulative minimum trip generation required for demolition haul truck usage (identified as a minimum of 1,504 trips based upon estimated tonnage) and worker vehicle trips.<sup>22</sup> The trip length would be 15 miles based upon the logistics of worker commute distance and dump site round-trips.<sup>23</sup>

The vehicular emission rates of concern are attached at the end of this report. The aggregate project emission levels are shown in Table 3 below. A median running speed of 45 MPH was used consistent with average values observed (i.e., combined freeway and surface street traffic activity).

**TABLE 3: Operational Vehicle GHG Levels – Edgemoor Facility Demolition Project**

Vehicle Classification	Total Trips	Total Emissions for Project (in pounds)	
		CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Light Duty Autos (LDA)	380	3622.7	1.3
Heavy Duty Trucks (HDT)	1,520	70,041.2	173.3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>73,663.9</b>	<b>174.5</b>

Again, since N<sub>2</sub>O has a GWP of 296 with respect to CO<sub>2</sub>, the *equivalent* CO<sub>2e</sub> level would be 51,652.0 pounds for N<sub>2</sub>O. The final equivalent CO<sub>2e</sub> load due to all vehicular traffic would be 125,315.9 pounds.

### **Projected Project Greenhouse Gas Emissions Budget**

The projected greenhouse gas emission budget for the proposed project would be the summation of the individual sources identified under the previous section. Thus, the total budget would equate to the following levels shown in Table 4 on the following page.

<sup>22</sup> The estimate of 1,900 total vehicle trips is made to provide a representative trip generation level for the project with a requisite margin of safety. Hence, assuming a 20-percent passenger car level (for worker commute) and an 80-percent heavy duty truck level for debris haulage gives a total of 380 passenger car trips and 1520 maximum debris removal trips over the assumed 180-day demolition period.

<sup>23</sup> This is again based upon logistical considerations given a local work force and a single-trip distance to the Santee Landfill of approximately 5.0 miles.

**TABLE 4: GHG Emission Budget for Edgemoor Facility Demolition Project**

Project Scenario	CO <sub>2e</sub>	Total Project Emissions
		Pounds per ...
Construction Operations	1,551,060.0	Total construction period
Operational Vehicle Emissions	125315.9	“ “
Total Emissions	1,676,375.9	“ “

The total aggregate GHG emissions would be 1,676,375.9 pounds CO<sub>2e</sub> over the course of the 180-day demolition project.

This CO<sub>2e</sub> level should be put into contrast against statewide daily vehicular CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which have an estimated reference calendar year 2009 level of 551,310 tons per day.<sup>24</sup> Under this comparison, the net contribution of the proposed project to the overall daily vehicular-generated CO<sub>2e</sub> level would be:

$$\text{CO}_{2e} \text{ Contribution}_{\text{Project, \%}} = \frac{1,676,375.9}{(551,310 \times 2,000)} = 0.00152 = 0.152\%$$

The proposed project action would generate an inconsequential increase compared to the net daily vehicular trip generation within California for the baseline year.<sup>25</sup> This would be deemed as non-impactive under the commonly accepted definition of this term within CEQA.

#### **Projected Warming Effects Due to Project Equivalent CO<sub>2</sub>**

Carbon dioxide contributes approximately 32 watts per square-meter (W/m<sup>2</sup>) of long-wave radiative forcing to the climate system under a clear-sky condition out of a total of 125 watts per square-meter for all atmospheric gasses under the same conditions.<sup>26,27</sup> The total radiative forcing from the Sun as of 1997 was 342 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

The proposed Edgemoor Facility Demolition Project would contribute a total of 1,676,375.9 pounds of CO<sub>2e</sub> over the 180-day demolition period. Assuming all CO<sub>2</sub> mixing occurs within the Troposphere<sup>28</sup>, the thermodynamic system consisting of the project boundaries would have a volume of,

<sup>24</sup> Per the *EMFAC 2007* statewide tabulation for calendar year 2009, which is provided as an attachment to this report. Vehicular emissions are cited by the State of California as the largest CO<sub>2e</sub> source.

<sup>25</sup> The baseline year was selected for informational purposes and comparison to a common point of reference. For future years, the CO<sub>2</sub> level is expected to increase yielding an even smaller percentage than that shown.

<sup>26</sup> The complete atmospheric gas ratios being: H<sub>2</sub>O = 75 W/m<sup>2</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub> = 32 W/m<sup>2</sup>, O<sub>3</sub> = 10 W/m<sup>2</sup>, and CH<sub>4</sub> + N<sub>2</sub>O + overlap gasses = 8 W/m<sup>2</sup>. The percentage contribution to a clear sky being: H<sub>2</sub>O = 60%, CO<sub>2</sub> = 26%, O<sub>3</sub> = 8%, and CH<sub>4</sub> + N<sub>2</sub>O + overlap gasses = 6%.

<sup>27</sup> Source: Kiel, J.T., and Trenberth, K.E., *Earth's Annual Global Mean Energy Budget*, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder CO / Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, 8/5/96.

<sup>28</sup> The troposphere is the lowest portion of Earth's atmosphere and contains approximately 75% of the atmospheric mass of the planet and almost all of its water vapor and Gag's. The average depth of the troposphere is approximately seven miles (=37,000 feet).

$$V_{\text{system}} = 21 \text{ acres} \times \frac{43560 \text{ sq-ft}}{\text{acre}} \times 37,000 \text{ ft} = 3.3846 \times 10^{10} \text{ ft}^3$$

Since one part-per-million-by-volume (ppmv) equals  $6.2428 \times 10^{-5}$  pounds-per-cubic-foot, the increase in the system due to the totality of demolition activities would be,

$$CO_{\text{ConcSystem}} = \frac{1,676,375.9 \text{ pounds}}{3.3846 \times 10^{10} \text{ ft}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ ppmv}}{6.2428 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{pounds}}{\text{ft}^3}} = 0.7934 \text{ ppmv}$$

Thus, the total project-related concentration increase of  $CO_{2e}$  within a Tropospheric system bounded by the project extents would be 0.7934 ppmv.<sup>29</sup>

The change in radiative forcing due to a change in  $CO_{2e}$  is defined within the IPCC report<sup>30</sup> as,

$$\Delta F = \alpha \ln \left( \frac{C}{C_0} \right)$$

where,

$\Delta F$  is the change in the radiative forcing (in  $W/m^2$ ),

$\alpha$  is the atmospheric forcing coefficient = 5.35,

$C$  is the baseline plus project  $CO_2$  and  $CO_{2e}$  concentrations (in ppmv), and,

$C_0$  is the baseline  $CO_2$  concentration (commonly taken as 380 ppmv).

Substituting above values gives an additional radiative forcing due to the proposed project of,

$$\Delta F = 5.35 \ln \left( \frac{380 + 0.7934}{380} \right) = 0.0112 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Surface air temperature sensitivity factors cited by the IPCC have a global average of approximately  $0.1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/W/m}^2$ . Thus, the net increase in temperature due to the proposed project's  $CO_{2e}$  emissions would be,

$$\Delta T_{\text{Project}} = 0.1 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{W/m}^2} \times 0.0112 \text{ W/m}^2 = 0.0011 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

This level equates to a negligible increase in the closed system of  $0.0011 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$  ( $0.0019 \text{ } ^\circ\text{F}$ ) over a 180-day period. The closed system would experience a nominal one-

<sup>29</sup> It should be noted to the reader that this effectively equates to a closed system with a continuously increasing concentration of  $CO_2$  (i.e., all positive feedback and all  $CO_2$  confined within the boundaries of the project development). This is a highly unrealistic and highly worst case condition.

<sup>30</sup> Source: *Third Assessment Report of Working Group I* of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 2001.

degree Fahrenheit temperature increase after approximately 263.2 years under this condition.<sup>31</sup>

This result, expanded to a system encompassing the entire atmospheric mass of planet Earth<sup>32</sup>, would further reduce the volumetric concentration, decrease the additional radiative forcing, and even assuming 100-percent positive feedback would produce no net impacts.<sup>33</sup> Therefore, no significant global warming temperature impact is expected due to the proposed project.



## CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

### Project-Related Greenhouse Gas Budget / Global Warming Potential

The proposed Edgemoor Facility Demolition Project site was shown to produce an aggregate equivalent greenhouse gas load of 1,676,375.9 pounds of CO<sub>2e</sub>. The local annual warming effect due to this level of project emissions was found to be 0.0019 °F, which would be deemed non impactful using the generally accepted definition of this term under CEQA. The net contribution on the planet as a whole would be deemed insignificant.

### Compliance with AB 32 CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Strategies

Consistent with the intent of AB 32, the proposed project would be required to demonstrate that it has policies in place that would provide a goal of 25-percent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> by the year 2020. To this end, the following greenhouse gas offset measures have been shown to be effective by CARB and should be implemented wherever possible:

#### Diesel Equipment (Compression Ignition) Offset Strategies:

- 1) Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel power generators.
- 2) Construction equipment operating onsite should be equipped with two to four degree engine timing retard or precombustion chamber engines.
- 3) Construction equipment used for the project should utilize EPA Tier 2 or better engine technology.

#### Vehicular Trip (Spark Ignition) Offset Strategies:

- 4) Encourage commute alternatives by informing employees and customers about transportation options for reaching your location (i.e. post transit schedules/routes).
- 5) Help employees rideshare by posting commuter ride sign-up sheets, employee home zip code

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<sup>31</sup> Again, this is for the previously defined closed-system with ever increasing toxic levels of CO<sub>2</sub>.

<sup>32</sup> Ninety-percent (90%) of the atmosphere of the planet Earth resides within 16 kilometers (16,000 meters) of the surface. Thus, the volume of the atmosphere is roughly  $8.2 \times 10^9 \text{ km}^3$  ( $8.2 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^3$  or  $2.9 \times 10^{20} \text{ ft}^3$ ). The mass of the atmosphere is roughly  $5.3 \times 10^{21}$  grams or  $1.17 \times 10^{19}$  pounds. Although mathematically finite, the net contribution of the proposed project to the planet as whole is physically zero.

<sup>33</sup> As can be seen by this illustrative example, even using the IPCC's approach, the cumulative contribution of land development projects has all but an infinitesimal effect in global temperature levels. In fact, these levels are so small that they are only mathematically predictable and not directly measurable using modern equipment.

map, etc.

- 6) When possible, arrange for a single vendor who makes deliveries for several items.
- 7) Purchase Carbon Offsets to compensate for miles traveled by company vehicles.
- 8) Plan delivery routes to eliminate unnecessary trips.
- 9) Keep vehicles well maintained to prevent leaks and minimize emissions, and encourage employees to do the same.
- 10) Provide car/van pool parking.
- 11) Provide secured and enclosed bicycle parking for employees (e.g., bike lockers).



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Attachments to this report:      EMFAC 2007 Emission Factors – Salton Sea Air Basin (2009)  
   EMFAC 2007 Emission Totals – Statewide Reference (2009)



## EMFAC 2007 EMISSION FACTOR TABULATIONS – SCENARIO YEAR 2009

Title : San Diego APCD Year 2009 - GHG Emissions  
Version : Emfac2007 V2.3 Nov 1 2006  
Run Date : 2008/07/21 14:10:43  
Scen Year: 2009 -- All model years in the range 1965 to 2009 selected  
Season : Winter  
Area : San Diego  
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Year: 2009 -- Model Years 1965 to 2009 Inclusive -- Winter  
Emfac2007 Emission Factors: V2.3 Nov 1 2006

San Diego			Basin Average			Basin Average	
Table 1: Running Exhaust Emissions (grams/mile)							
Pollutant Name: Oxides of Nitrogen				Temperature: 50F		Relative Humidity: 40%	
Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	0.501	0.776	1.337	18.944	24.972	1.302	1.438
15	0.447	0.684	1.189	14.528	20.209	1.331	1.189
20	0.408	0.616	1.086	12.669	17.194	1.367	1.060
25	0.378	0.567	1.017	12.041	15.369	1.407	0.994
30	0.358	0.532	0.975	11.618	14.424	1.451	0.950
35	0.344	0.510	0.956	11.386	14.203	1.500	0.925
40	0.337	0.499	0.957	11.340	14.669	1.551	0.918
45	0.335	0.498	0.979	11.491	15.890	1.606	0.927
50	0.339	0.506	1.025	11.860	18.058	1.665	0.955
55	0.348	0.526	1.097	12.485	21.543	1.727	1.004
60	0.364	0.558	1.204	13.432	26.998	1.793	1.081
65	0.387	0.605	1.358	14.802	35.566	1.864	1.192

Pollutant Name: Carbon Dioxide		Temperature: 50F		Relative Humidity: 40%			
Speed MPH	LDA	LDT	MDT	HDT	UBUS	MCY	ALL
10	721.654	889.900	1245.001	2285.590	2506.690	200.863	902.519
15	566.196	698.947	964.140	1934.567	2416.537	173.856	712.815
20	461.073	569.821	779.057	1691.047	2361.643	153.547	584.919
25	389.697	482.147	655.905	1592.053	2327.528	138.379	500.900
30	341.840	423.364	574.626	1516.428	2306.274	127.292	444.380
35	311.205	385.733	523.246	1459.579	2293.485	119.587	407.960
40	294.024	364.629	494.783	1418.991	2286.753	114.836	387.250
45	288.286	357.582	485.588	1393.427	2284.895	112.852	379.918
50	293.338	363.787	494.530	1382.557	2287.593	113.675	385.218
55	309.755	383.952	522.751	1386.861	2295.309	117.605	403.836
60	339.454	420.432	573.921	1407.772	2309.413	125.285	438.034
65	386.072	477.695	655.078	1448.107	2332.601	137.848	492.112

